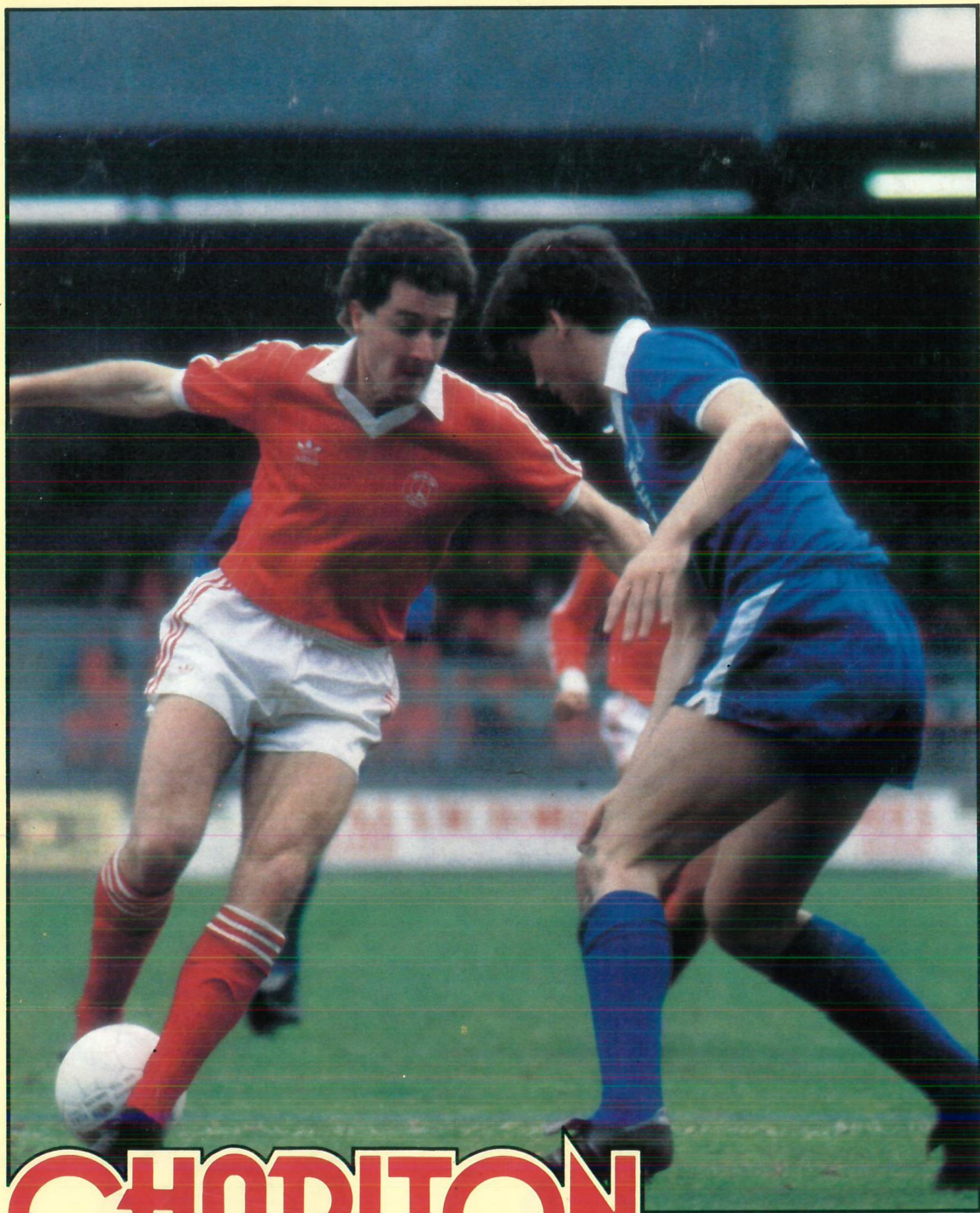




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CLUB COMMENT

WHAT an amazing end to the season is in prospect this afternoon with our opponents Bolton Wanderers and ourselves both needing to win to make certain of retaining Second Division status.

In one of the closest relegation battles for years ten clubs are in danger of the drop but the situation is absolutely clear as far as today's game is concerned.

Bolton come to The Valley knowing that only victory will be enough to save them from relegation.

We too need to win to make sure of survival although it is possible that a draw would be enough depending on the other results.

Charlton supporters will play a big part this afternoon in helping the team to their vital victory and we urge all our fans to get behind the players with their encouragement.

The battling qualities and character of the team have certainly shone through in the last two matches when we have drawn games very much against the odds.

In our last home match we produced a sensational come-

back to draw 3-3 with Wolves after being three goals down at half time.

Then on Saturday at Barnsley we drew 0-0 after playing with ten men all the second half after defender Alan McDonald had been sent off three minutes before the break.

The two precious points gained in those matches have proved crucial in the battle at the bottom of the table.

Our destiny is entirely in the team's hands. They know what is required of them and will be battling for 90 minutes for the club's future.

The pressure is on our opponents Bolton after their home defeat by Chelsea last week and we will be out to avenge the 4-1 defeat we suffered at Burnden Park earlier in the season.

Bolton's assistant manager is our former goalkeeper Charlie Wright who will be returning to The Valley with mixed feelings.

We are pleased to announce that manager Lennie Lawrence and his assistant Eddie May have both signed new two year contracts.

Four players have been given free transfers and a fifth

has been made available for transfer. Leaving the club are Phil Walker, Steve Browne, Mark Simpson and Ian Hare and Phil Ferns is up for offer. We would like to thank these players for their services and wish them luck in their future careers.

The reserves have a busy final week of the season with three matches.

On Monday they are away to Crystal Palace, on Tuesday they visit Birmingham and next Thursday entertain West Ham kick off 2 p.m.

The final first team match of the season is on Monday 23 May when a Charlton team take on Tottenham Hotspur in a Testimonial game for our former player Colin Powell.

Some former Charlton favourites including Dick Tydeman, Peter Shaw and Ritchie Bowman will be playing in the game.

Finally the club would like to thank everybody who has helped in any way in running Charlton on match days. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Let's hope we all meet again next season in our rightful position — the Second Division.

FRONT COVER: Steve White in action against Oldham.

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VALLEY Visitors



LOOKING BACK with Colin Cameron

Many people in football express somewhat naïvely, in my opinion, that they are not interested in the past — only the present — yet I cannot remember too many supporters of our great national game who have not at some time started off a sentence, "I remember. . .". Of course the past is important! After all, the present status and crowd levels of each and every Club in this country have been determined to a large extent by decisions of the past.

Take Cambridge and Shrewsbury, for example! There has not been any great tradition of matches built up over a long period of years and we therefore struggle, along with other Clubs in our Division, to muster a crowd of decent proportions against these clubs and this is certainly not meant as any disrespect to them. In the case of today's visitors, Bolton, we have met the famous Lancashire Club 58 times over a period of 60 years and we can look back to many major matches against the Trotters.

Like Wolves, our last visitors, we had the pleasure of meeting Bolton in each of our fourteen successive seasons in the First Division so it's not difficult to understand why, even to this day, our average "gate" against the Trotters still stands at over 17,000.

Highest crowds

The biggest "gate" to attend a Charlton v. Bolton fixture was the 70,819 that crowded Villa Park to see **Chris Duffy** score our goals in the 2-0 F.A. Cup Semi-Final victory over the Trotters on Apr. 23 1946.

At The Valley, on March 10, 1923, 42,033 — our record crowd at the time — watched First Division Bolton beat Third Division Charlton 1-0, thanks to a first half **David Jack** goal which helped them on their way to win the historic, first-ever, Wembley Final against West Ham.

In the 14 First Division matches against Bolton at The Valley, we lost only once and ironically our highest League "gate" (37,047) versus the Trotters attended our 4-1 defeat on Nov. 13, 1948 — the goalscorers being **Chris Duffy** (Charlton) and **Malcolm Barrass**, **Tom Woodward** and **Willie Moir** (2) for Bolton.

Barrass, incidentally, was normally a centre-half but Bolton experimented with him at centre forward against Manchester City, in the match immediately previous to their Charlton victory, and he produced the goods in no uncertain manner with four goals to his credit.

Our manager at the time, **Jimmy Seed**, was understandably unhappy with our defence following this defeat and he immediately made an unsuccessful bid to sign Scottish International centre-half **Willie Woodburn** from Glasgow Rangers.

The highest "gate" at Burnden Park for a Charlton visit was the 34,671 that watched Bolton's 3-2 victory on Aug. 21 1954 — South Africans **Syd O'Linn** and **Stuart Leary** netting our goals with the replies coming from **Harry Webster** and England internationals **Harold Hassall** and **Nat** (the "Lion of Vienna") **Lofthouse**.

First Division highlights

When Charlton and Bolton met for the first time in the League, on Dec. 19 1936, we lost 2-1 at Burnden Park and during the course of that match **Jack Milsom**, apart from scoring for the Trotters, also missed two penalties — hitting the bar on both occasions.

In The Valley return, **Don Welsh** hit our winner in a 1-0 victory on Apr. 21 1937. On the same day, **Alec Stock** hit a "hat-trick" for the reserves in a friendly at Yeovil — won by Charlton 5-1.

Thirteen years on, while we were losing 3-0 at Burnden Park (Mar. 18 1950, a player who was eventually to make a major impact wearing our colours, 16 year old **Eddie Firmani** was rapping home a "hat-trick" for a Charlton XI in their 7-2 away victory over Gliksten F.C.

On the opening day of the following season (Aug. 19 1950), **Nat Lofthouse** scored the first goal of the new season after only 10 seconds and eventually went on to net a "hat-trick". Nat, however, finished on the losing side with **Syd O'Linn** and **Gordon Hurst** both scoring twice in our thrilling 4-3 victory.

In the 1952/53 season, when we performed the "double" over Bolton, we had 40 players on our staff comprising the following nationalities — 28 English, 7 South African, 4 Scottish, and 1 Welsh.

The features of our two 3-1 victories over Bolton in season 1955/56 were "hat-tricks" from **Stuart Leary**, at Burnden Park, and **Jimmy Gauld**, at The Valley.

Newly appointed manager **Jimmy Trotter** was in charge for the first time when we lost 2-0 at Burnden Park on Sept. 12 1956 — **Doug Holden** and **Nat Lofthouse** scoring for Bolton.

Eight days later, **Lofthouse** was again on the score sheet but goals from **Billy Kiernan** and **Bobby Ayre** gave us a 2-1 victory and the Club some rare comfort in a season which finally saw us relegated from the First Division.

JOHN MCGOVERN. Taking his first steps into management, John was appointed Wanderers Player/Manager in June. One of the games most respected players, he has won League Championship honours with Derby County and Nottingham Forest — whom he also led as captain to two European Cup and two Football League Cup successes.

JIM McDONAGH. In his second spell with Bolton. Jim rejoined the Wanderers during the summer of 1981 from Everton after a season at Goodison Park. The former Rotherham keeper was a member of Bolton's Second Division Championship Winning Side in 1978. Republic of Ireland International.

GERRY McELHINNEY. Signed from Distillery at the beginning of the 80/81 season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer, who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender who just failed to make the Northern Ireland World Cup squad.

BOLTON



Front Row: Dave Hoggan, Wayne Foster, John McGovern (Player-Manager), Jeff Chandler, Peter Reid (now Everton), Ray Deakin.

Middle Row: Charlie Wright (Coach), Mike Bennett, Neil Berry, Chris Thompson, Mike Doyle, Vernon Allatt (now Halifax), Tony Henry (now Oldham), Walter Joyce (Coach).

Back Row: Gerry McElhinney, Paul Jones, Jim McDonagh, Simon Farnworth, Ian Moores, Steve Whitworth.

PAUL JONES. Re-signed for Wanderers within weeks of being released on a free transfer during the summer. Paul is a quick tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and has a habit of scoring vital goals. Can also play at full back and is Wanderers longest serving player.

MIKE DOYLE. Veteran former Manchester City and England defender, joined the Wanderers in January from Stoke City for a "nominal fee". Doyle made a dramatic start to his Bolton days conceding an own goal on his debut and being sent off in his second game, but he brought a steadying influence to the Bolton line-up and his composure has been a tremendous asset.

WAYNE FOSTER. A former local schoolboy, Foster came on to the Wanderers' scene last season and commanded a regular place in the attack. Recognised at representative level. Foster got his first England Youth cap in Scotland in a European Championship qualifier.

DAVE HOGGAN. Joined Bolton from Tynecastle Boys Club, Edinburgh as an apprentice in November 1977 and signed full professional forms in August 1979. Made his League debut in the First Division at Bristol City in April 1980. Won International recognition with the Scottish Under-21's Squad.

STEVE WHITWORTH. Joined Bolton for a bargain £25,000 from Sunderland in October 1981. A stylish, experienced full back with well over 400 League appearances behind him. Whitworth earned seven England caps in his Leicester City

days.

JEFF CHANDLER. A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control. Jeff cost Wanderers a modest £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. The Hammersmith born lad, who began his League career with Blackpool has won International recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

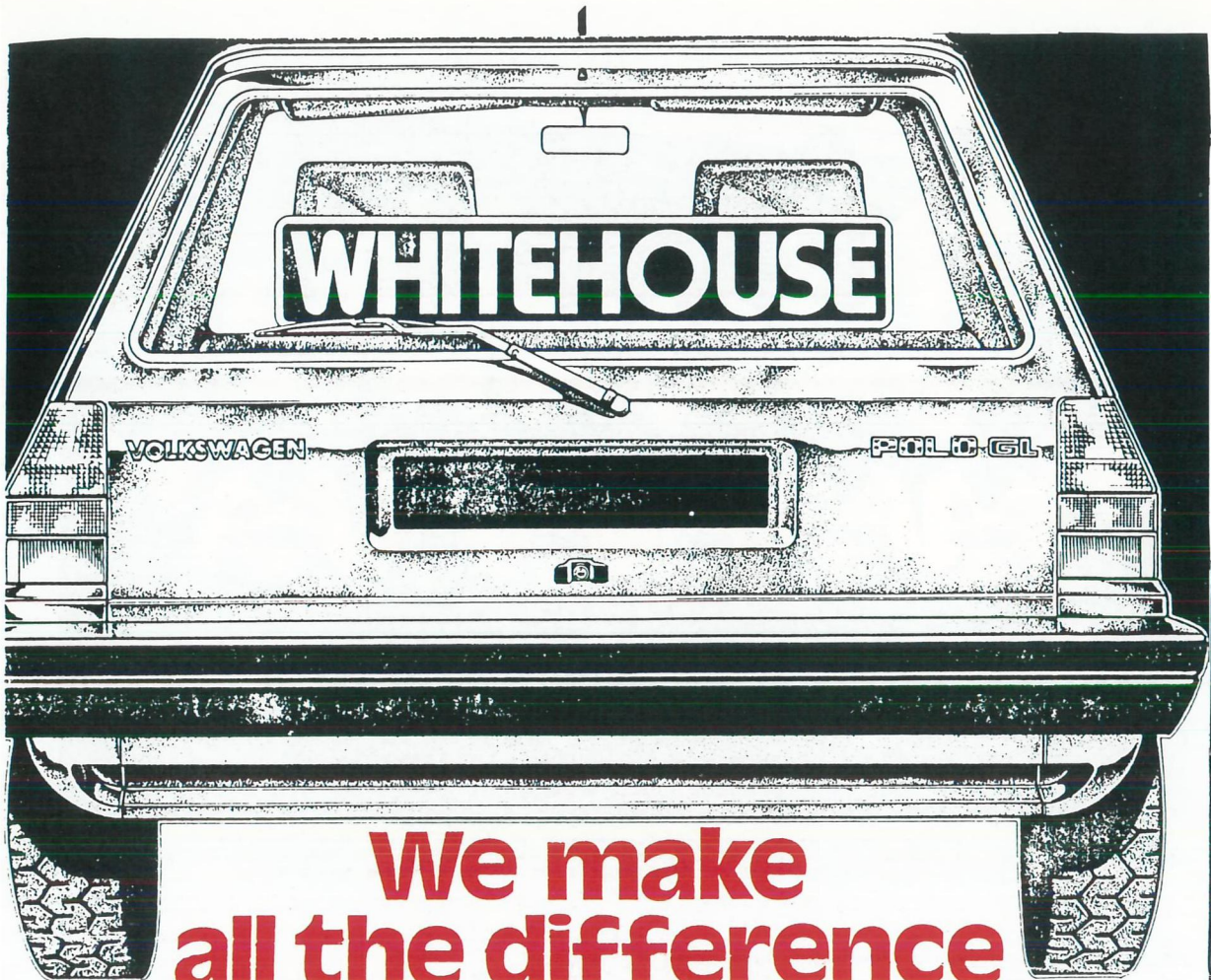
IAN MOORES. Joined Wanderers in the summer on a free transfer after 4 seasons at Orient. The 6 ft. 2 in. blond striker made his name with Stoke when he joined as a teenager, and Spurs, where he enjoyed a successful two years.

RAY DEAKIN. A left full back who can also play in midfield, Ray joined the Wanderers in the summer on a free transfer from Port Vale. Began his career with Everton.

NEIL BERRY. International Youth honours with Scotland launched Neil into what promises to be a first class career. His League debut came in March at Cambridge where he played in midfield.

STUART GRAY. Stuart became a Nottingham Forest professional in December 1980 and made his First Division debut before the end of that season. He made well over 50 League appearances for Forest before signing for Bolton shortly before the transfer deadline in March.

BRIAN BORROWS. Brian joined Everton straight from school and progressed through their junior teams until getting his chance in the League eleven in February last season. He held the right-back position for the remainder of the campaign but he lost his place this season and was pleased to complete his transfer to Bolton 2 months ago.



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FRIENDLY VOICE

WE are assured of at least one friendly voice from Bolton this afternoon, for among the contingent from Lancashire for the vital visit of The Trotters, will be **MICHAEL FISK** who lives in that town but supports Charlton. During the past few months we have had requests on a couple of occasions from youngsters wishing to be mascots at away venues. This was the case at Ewood Park back in March, when Michael filled that role for the game against Blackburn Rovers. We shall be meeting up with him today.

Similarly, when we took the field at Newcastle, the team were led by **JOHN SULTMAN** whose father **BARRY**, despite being a Geordie, as a result of being a bombardier in the Royal Artillery has changed his allegiance. No mean footballer himself — he keeps goal for the R.A. Regimental team — he became friendly with our defender **GEOFF SCOTT** when they were both recovering from soccer injuries. When the Sultman family lived on Tyneside, they were only two doors away from former Charlton player **DAVID YOUNG**. Barry is about to be posted to W. Germany, but his footballing duties ensure visits to the U.K. and elsewhere.



A day to remember for John Sultman, Charlton's mascot at St. James' Park, pictured with Derek Hales and Kevin Keegan, along with match officials.

LOOKING FORWARD

DON McAllister is one player certainly looking forward to today's important match against Bolton. Don was only sixteen years old when he made his debut for Bolton against Norwich in April 1970 and spent many happy years at Burnden Park before taking up London residence with Tottenham in Feb. 1975 before joining Charlton in Aug. 1981.

In all Don played five matches for Bolton against Charlton, including two F.A. Cup games in season 1972/73, and, let's be honest, had happy memories, in terms of results, of our Club.

The one exception, however, occurred on Apr. 17 1971 when Don made his first-ever visit to our headquarters! Bolton were relegated to the Third that season and on that day, twelve years ago, we beat them 4-1 with Ray Treacy (2), Keith Peacock and Bob

Curtis netting our goals — Roy Greaves replying for the Trotters.

Tomorrow Sunday Don flies off to America to spend the summer at his home in Tampa Bay.

CHARITY MATCH

THE Red Rose Superstores Soccer Classic in aid of **St Christophers Hospice, Sydenham** takes place at **Selhurst Park** on **Wednesday** kick off **7.45 p.m.**

The match is between a Southern International side captained by Jimmy Greaves and the Northern Internationals skippered by Bobby Charlton.

Alan Mullery, Mike Bailey, George Graham, Terry Neill and Terry Venables are amongst the stars turning out for the Southern team.

Premium tickets are £8.50 including buffet, a seat in the directors box and the chance of meeting some of the players.

Stand seats are £4.50 with entry to the Glaziers club.

General admission is £3 adults and £1 children seating and £2 and 50p standing.

PROGRAMME OFFER

The programme shop at Guiseley Football Club, members of the Northern Counties League has obtained a copy of the 1947 F.A. Cup semi final programme between Newcastle and Charlton which is a rare collectors item.

The club are prepared to sell the programme to the highest bidder and anyone interested should contact P. Mason, 5 Hawkhill Gardens, Cross Gates, Leeds.

Also interested in receiving Charlton programmes is Olli-Matti Matihalti of Kp 13, 62200 Kauhava, Finland who is an 18-year-old student and a keen Charlton supporter.

Anyone who can help should contact Olli at the above address.

RESERVES

THE reserves have a very busy end to the season with three Football Combination matches next week.

On Monday they play Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park kick off 2.30 p.m. and on Tuesday travel to the Midlands to play Birmingham City kick off 2 p.m.

Then on Thursday the reserves play their final game of the season at home to West Ham United kick off 2 p.m. and not our usual home kick off time of 7 p.m.

In their match with Ipswich away the reserves lost 2-1. Team: Lange; Paye, Ferns; Little, Westley, Clark; Browne, Simpson, Gordon (P), Aizlewood, Walker. Sub. Hobbs for Westley after three minutes. Scorer: Paye.

Against Reading won 3-0 away. Team: Lange; Paye, Ferns; Clark, Westley, Walker; Browne, Little, Simpson, Gritt, Gordon (P). Sub. Hobbs. Scorers: Simpson (2) and Gordon.

Against Millwall at home lost 4-0. Team: Lange; Paye, Ferns; Clark, Westley, Walker; Browne, Little, Simpson, Gritt, Gordon (P). Sub. Simpson.

The reserves had two games this week at home to Luton on Tuesday and away to Queens Park Rangers on Thursday.

FROM THE TERRACES

by Alan Honey

COLIN POWELL'S TESTIMONIAL

Most fans will be aware that although today marks the end of our competitive matches, we still have an attractive game to stage at The Valley, in the shape of the Colin Powell Testimonial against Tottenham Hotspur on Monday, 23rd May. "Paddy" has always been held in special affection and esteem by Charlton supporters and no player is more deserving of a benefit now that the curtain has rung down on his League career. On numerous occasions, regardless of whether he was on our books or otherwise, Colin dutifully made an appearance at functions connected with Charlton. The visit of Spurs in a little over a week's time provides fans with an opportunity to say thank you to this fine player.

Other functions in aid of Colin's benefit include darts evenings at the White Horse, Woolwich Road, on 16th May, and the White Swan, Charlton Village, on 19th May.

UNIQUE SERVICE

As previously reported by Peter Burrowes, we were sad to learn of the death of **George Ferris**, the Club's former Dental Officer. He was appointed to this post as far back as 1924 at the request of the then Manager, **Alex MacFarlane** and held the position until his death and was thus uniquely connected with CAFC for almost 60 years. His son **Keith**, also a supporter and in the medical sphere himself, occasionally treating footballers in his capacity as an ENT surgeon, explained that in those days many young players had never received any dental care prior to joining Charlton. Since the advent of the NHS there is less need for a retained specialist in this field, but nevertheless it was fascinating to hear that from time to time a player has had a tooth knocked out and successfully re-implanted after a game.

WAR YEARS

It was also with regret when we recently heard of the death of goalkeeper **Lawrie Bliss** who was associated with Charlton during the war years. At the reserve match against Reading last month, his son, Les, kindly showed us some memorabilia which included letters from **Jimmy Seed** and a contract Lawrie signed for Dartford F.C. in 1948. Prior to his spell at Watling Street, he served Wellingborough Town and

Northampton. To his widow and family we send our condolences.

Our scout **Jim Figgins** who played for Charlton Reserves before and during the war was very interested in Lawrie's cuttings and produced some from his own collection. One particular match that Jim played in as a 14-year-old, was London v. Glasgow at Craven Cottage in 1935. At centre forward for the metropolis was **Reg Lewis**, later of Arsenal and F.A. Cup fame. The colours worn by London were listed as white shirts and dark knickers, while the programme simply stated that the Glaswegians would turn out in black and white hoops. We trust the shirts were of suitable length!

SUPPORTERS' CLUB AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Charlton Athletic Supporters' Club will be held at The Valley Club, on 4th July, at 8 p.m. A buffet is being provided and all members are cordially invited to attend.

As a result of heavy demand, tickets for the Player of the Year Presentation Dance will not be available at the door this evening.

TODAY'S MASCOT: EDDIE CECIL

Eddie is 11 and comes from Eltham. He is a pupil at Henwick Junior School, Eltham and has played football for the school.

He goes to every Charlton home and away match with his father who drives the Supporters Club coach for Lewis Coaches. Eddie's favourite Charlton player is Derek Hales.



SPOT THE FACE

During the season we are holding a Spot the Face feature in the Match Day Magazine.

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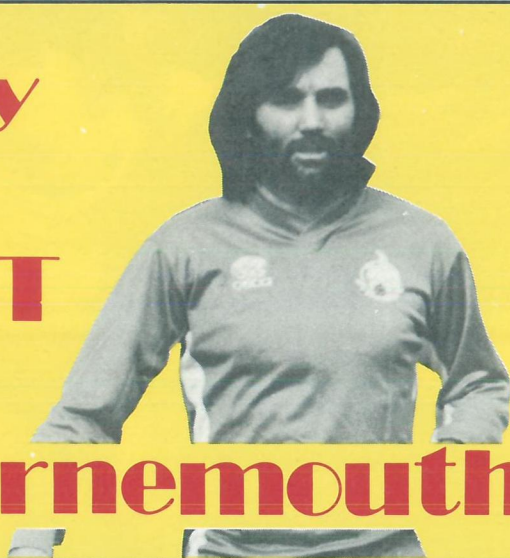
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Only the BEST for Bournemouth



By John Nolan

The slip of a lad who became a footballing legend with Manchester United and Northern Ireland is now on the threshold of a new playing career with Third Division Bournemouth.

Now a more portly 36, George Best is anxious to once more regain the acclaim of soccer's public after years in the wilderness wasted on gambling, drinking and fast cars. And Bournemouth's fresh faced new manager Don Megson, who laments the dearth of star quality in the game today, was pleased to give him the opportunity.

"We sat down and talked about the situation at Dean Court and I felt that by bringing George in the team would not be weakened and it would provide a real star name for the Bournemouth fans," explains Megson.

For George it was good to hear the cheers once more and he says: "The crowd have been tremendous towards me. We are in a position now where we are safe so we can concentrate on planning for next season which is the important thing."

The experience with Bournemouth has provided George with his first taste of Third Division football and he agrees it is different: "They tend not to play as much through the midfield and go for long balls which does not suit my game," he says. "In my first match I was used as a centre-forward but Don wants to use me more in midfield where I would hope to get more of the ball.

"They close you down much quicker at this level but you just have to adapt and cope with the difference. If you are a good enough player you should be able to do that . . . It doesn't bother me whether I'm playing First, Second, Third or Fourth Division football, I just enjoy the game.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

"But it is not only about me adapting but about the other players adapting to accommodate the way I play. Obviously because this is a lower division players sometimes tend to stand and watch rather than move into other supporting positions, but again this is something else you have to accept is going to happen on certain occasions.

"What happens if players do not move into positions is that you find yourself holding the ball too long which gives the other team time to close you down, and if you loose possession it makes you look bad."

There is of course the danger of a conflict of interests. The paying customers want to see George on the ball tantalising and teasing opponents and that might not always be in the best interests of the team.

Back to Don Megson who breezily dismisses such a suggestion: "The fans don't just want to see him, they want to see him perform well and so what I am looking for is a team performance that will win games but also allow George that little bit of freedom to do something special," he says.

As for George he remains confident that he can come up with

the goods: "It will come," he smiles from behind his bushy beard. "The more games and the more the players get to know me and I get to know them the magic will get better and better.

"The skill factor is something I will never loose and once I get a few more games under my belt the magic will come, that is what the crowd come to see.

"There are very few entertainers around now which is a shame for the game. It is still our national sport and the only way to bring back the crowds is to entertain them and that can only happen through individuals."

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Has George any thoughts as to why such players are not around anymore? "I don't know," he replies. "You can come up with all sorts of theories and try and figure out whether it is because of the coaching at schools or the coaches at the top level.

"I would tend to blame a lot of the coaches at club level because the volume of kids passing through is just as high as it always was so it must be that they are being prevented from developing naturally in their own way. So you really have to put it down to the coaches.

"And from watching kids playing at school and youth level I am horrified at some of the attitudes. I listen to them being bullied from the sidelines.

"You shouldn't do that with kids. They will learn from their own mistakes, and they learn with experience and if you scream and shout at them, all you are going to do is frighten them, and then they will stop trying things they would normally indulge in. The lads are simply put under too much pressure by parents and coaches."

George has played an important role off the field as well, helping the new management team take the Cherries to their public. "The one thing I learned from playing in America was how important it is to get involved with the community," says Belfast's golden genius. "We are trying to do that here and the kids love it when we go out and coach them."

Don Megson was shocked when he learned that Bournemouth have never been higher than the Third Division and he aims to put that right. In the meantime the presence of George Best means that Bournemouth has much more to offer than just a trip to the seaside.

By Colin Benson

As the final whistle pierced the chill night air and the crowd's frustration poured from the Wembley terraces, Bobby Robson, head bowed, hand in pocket, made the long long walk towards the England dressing room.

England had been blotted out by a dogged Greek resistance force for a 0-0 draw in the European Championship, and manager Robson's adventurous side, which he had maintained was "geared for going forward," had produced as much impact as a streaker doing a midnight run in the middle of January.

For Robson, Wembley must have seemed an empty stage as the curtain came down on yet another appalling performance. The pangs of disappointment, the wounded pride, it all seemed a little incredulous at the time.

Although Ron Greenwood had warned him that the England managers chair was a lonely place to



THE LONELINESS OF THE LONG

sit, Bobby Robson can not have expected to find himself playing the leading role in a Greek tragedy so early in his international management career.

"It is much harder than I thought it would be," confesses the man who had spent 13½ years putting a smile on the face of Ipswich Town's football. The highlight of that career had been an FA Cup Final triumph but the long lasting memory is of a football team that could match the best for quality and entertainment.

At international level though the strains are enormous as Mr. Robson reveals when he says: "We only play six or eight games in a season. At a League club you could lose those eight because you still have a chance of winning the other 34, but with England there is no second chance. If you lose or have a bad game you are left to stew for a couple of months before you play again and get it out of your system and there is very little you can do to rectify the situation in that period of time, because you have no direct contact with the players, and that is hard on

your mind."

The eloquent England boss forsake the rural tranquility of Suffolk to join the commuter trail to London Town. As the England manager he now has a plush well appointed office in the West End, but he has also had to shed his everyday working gear of track suite and boots for Saville Row suites, and that has proved a big wrench.

TIME TOGETHER

"Yes! I miss the players," he sighs. "I felt it very badly at first but now I have overcome that and adjusted to the new situation and I have enough to keep me occupied. It is a very busy job. I have taken over the coaching department as well with a view to integrating the coaching concepts of the Football Association with those of the international department and that is a full-time occupation."

"But I miss that day to day involvement of running a club right from the tip all the way down. Talking to the scouts, talking to the players, talking to the staff and

handling the directors. Talking to the press, being involved in coaching and training every day with all three teams — because I used to be very much involved with the backbone of Ipswich Town — the youth development policy and the reserves as well as the first team which was my bread and butter.

"So it was a great big job full of interest and I still do miss it to some degree, but other things have come in, other challenges."

The biggest challenge of course is that of moulding England into a world class team but under the climate of the English domestic scene, where club definitely comes before country, the antidote to England's ills is fraught with irritations.

"Basically to get results you need players and you need time with them" explains Robson. "I think one of the problems for players coming into the national side is that they are like strangers, playing with people they are not used to and that is why the preparation is so vital . . . They need seven days together, eating,

talking and training together just to get to know each other.

"The training is essential because that is when an individual can assess and appreciate the qualities of his colleagues. See what a player can handle and what he can't handle, how he wants the ball delivered and how he reads others, and that can only be achieved through match preparation over a decent long period.

"It is no good coming together on a Monday to find that seven players can't train when you have to pick the team on a Tuesday afternoon. That is no way to prepare for an international game it is very amateurish to me

RYAN ROBSON "looking to become world class".



"We are way behind all the continentals. Here we are supposed to be one of the top footballing nations in the world and yet we are way behind Norway and even Greece in that respect.

LUCKY CO-INCIDENCE

"The Greek manager Christos Archondidis had his squad together for a full week prior to our game at Wembley. They did not risk any of their players being injured in the weekend before the game. We did! In fact most of our top players were in action in the mid-week before the game as well as on the Saturday so all our players had played three games in eight days . . . The Greeks hadn't played one! So who were bound to be the fresher? Who would have more appetite for competition?

"Fortunately we come from a

nation which has plenty of character. We do not suffer temperamental stars gladly and can rely on our players durability, their honesty, courage and determination. But we wouldn't half be better if we could add those other ingredients as well . . . Preparation, freshness and the integration of players."

The rub of the green really goes against England in the finals of the major championships which always take place in the summer. After a long hard gruelling season our players are literally drained and can not expect to compete on equal terms with their rivals.

"We have to accept that it is always going to be that much more difficult under our domestic system," suggests Mr. Robson. "But I mustn't let that upset me. I have to get on with the job in spite of it and do the best I can, at the same time hoping that I can influence the powers for a little change.

decent midfield players and we are also producing some wingers — some genuine wide players which I am pleased about.

TWO-WAY PLANNING

"Stevie Coppell of course is still good so Mark Chamberlain will have to be exceptional to oust him, but certainly he is there and potentially he is so thrilling.

"John Barnes down at Watford is another exciting player and I think Villa's Mark Walters will come through to make an impression. And keeping with the youngsters little Paul Walsh at Luton is a prospect. At the moment he appears to need to get a little bigger and firmer and more experienced but he has ability.

"So I think we have a little group of youngsters coming through who might become really good international players.

"That's what it is all about. Being able to produce international players and selections. And when I talk about selection that decides the way we play."

DISTANCE MANAGER

"You can formulate an overall strategic way of playing that you would like to implement but it always depends on the availability of players. However I have found out that there is one redeeming aspect about it all and that is that although you can easily become pessimistic over certain things, such as players becoming injured and unavailable when they shouldn't be withdrawn and should be made available to you, it does create opportunities for other players and one or two have taken those opportunities rather splendidly I think.

"I don't know whether Ron found that when he was in charge or whether I have been lucky to arrive at the same time as what appears to be a fair crop of decent prospects.

"But Bryan Robson is looking to become world class, Kenny Sanson, and Derek Statham are top rate defenders and little Sammy Lee has done tremendously well. As has Gary Mabbutt who in a sense looks a real thoroughbred. Not a great technician but a wonderful character. So we have got some

The pinnacle of international management is of course to win the World Cup, but with the competition still four years away the short term objective is next summers European Championship: "It has to be taken step by step and you have to be very clever about it," suggests Robson. "We have to merge the two interests in our planning."

But already Bobby Robson has found that he is not allowed much leeway for experiment in the atmosphere of the international game: "I have found there is an intense pressure on you to win every match," he observes.

However the new England boss can look back on his first season in charge with satisfaction despite the obstacles that have been put in his way. Scrutinised and bombarded from all angles he has handled himself well and although he cuts a lonely figure, isolated and he is in the ivory tower of Lancaster Gate, Bobby Robson knows that his is only the beginning of the long distance marathon in search of world acclaim.

MICK CHANNON- *Still football daft*

MICK CHANNON, veteran of 583 League games with Southampton and Manchester City and the holder of 46 England caps is by no means finished at the age of 34.

Released on a free transfer last summer by Lawrie McMenemy he then spent a short spell re-united with his former colleague Kevin Keegan at Newcastle before wondering into the backwoods of Third Division football with Bristol Rovers.

For Channon this was virgin territory but he had an agreement with Rovers that they would release him if, the opportunity to return to the First Division arose and duly complied when struggling Norwich City needed him to cover for the injured John Deehan.

Initially Ken Brown signed the six-foot striker for a month but such an impression did he create in his opening games that his contract was soon extended to the end of this season.

The legs and the stamina might not be what they were but there is no denying the class of the man who can still turn the tightest of defences on a sixpence.

Indeed to suggest to the amiable Channon that he is in the twilight of his career only invites an indignant response: "So you say," he snaps. "I don't agree with that, I still think that I have an awful lot to offer and I want to be part of the First Division scene."

Thrown the life-line of First Division football by the Canaries Mick then found himself out of the team because he was cup-tied. "That was just one of those things," he explains. "The lads played well and I was delighted for them. I have nothing to prove it is just a case that I am available if needed and in the games I have played I feel I have done myself justice."

"I played in the reserves when I was out but I find that very hard. Perhaps I am wrong but I can't motivate myself at that level, can't lift myself as I would if I was 23 or 24 or even 28 with something to prove."

"I have never been a good trainer but I am naturally reasonably fit and of course my experience helps. I'm by no means the fastest in the world but I am quite sharp over 10-15 yards and that gets me by."

There is no denying the frustration in the

man when he is clicking the heels as thirteenth man, but with nothing to prove what is it that drives him on and makes him want to get out there amidst the flaying boots and stabbing elbows.

A broad smile fills his face: "People say to me when are you going to retire! I don't think I will ever retire. If I am in the pub at Sunday lunch time and the lads say there is a game then I'd be there. It gives me so much pleasure."

"You see my attitude to the game is the same now as it was when I first came into football. I can have a laugh and a joke and enjoy myself. Perhaps I have never taken the game as seriously as a lot of professionals do and I feel that has benefitted me because I still have a completely open mind about it..."

"I don't rant and rave if I'm not in the side. Everybody at Norwich has worked hard to try and keep them in the First Division whether Mick Channon is in the side or not. Players always have disappointments and must learn to cope with them. Probably a few years ago it might have affected me more, but then it wouldn't have happened a few years ago."

"But it is just my enthusiasm to play that motivates me. I have never been one of those that believes that footballers need to be the fittest people in the world. Obviously it helps to be fit but you still need to have that enthusiasm for the game, that undying passion, the ability to grit your teeth and pick yourself up when the going gets tough."

"Football gets past the stage where it is down to fitness. It is down to character and guts. It is being able to roll your sleeves up and have a right crack. And I don't mean by kicking people. Aggression can come out several ways. By attacking people by running at them with the ball, by being first to the ball in a challenge, by taking on and beating opponents. It is all about attitudes."

"I have always had that. On the pitch I can have a laugh with someone one moment and be really aggressive the next, it doesn't bother me. He is only trying to beat me and me him."

"That need for competition is deep inside me and that's why I say I don't think I will ever retire. If anyone says let's have a game I can't resist the challenge."

"That's where I started, on the village green

with Readers Digests stuffed inside my socks for pads. We played Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday... If I'd lost that feeling I think I would have been finished five or six years ago."

"We were just all football daft as kids, there was nothing else to do. I can even remember the first television! But I am convinced my attitude to the game is right."

"I was lucky at Southampton as we qualified for Europe regularly when I was there and that was some achievement for a small club. We were flat to the boards, never had the players or the facilities that the big city clubs enjoyed."

"We were a good little club and I see Norwich City in the early stages of a similar development."

"It just seems a pity that the game has taken a backward step just recently. Southampton have drifted back into the old trap and Lawrie McMenemy has gone on record as saying that they are losing £8,000 a week on last season."

"One of the reasons has been the obvious need to cut the wage bill... that is why he got rid of me. But then Keegan left, Bally went and the personalities that pull in the crowds were all gone. The gates dropped 6,000 and that is the difference."

"I don't put it all down to us but it is important to have characters who can form a rapport with the fans in the game. They are not just personalities. They give the people something yes but they also give the teams something as well."

"Some bread and butter players may feel that some of these extroverts take liberties, but they are basically what the game is about. Football is about characters, about artists who can express themselves. It is not about being solid here, giving nothing away and kicking the ball into touch. While that is all part and parcel of the game your great players will do it but at the right time. The great memories of the past are of Matthews, Finney, Charlton, Law and Best. We will never forget them."

The lack of individualists in the modern game is perhaps one reason why the likes of Mick Channon can still hold the stage they have graces for so long.

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A small balding, bubbly figure, who once scored a hat-trick on his F.A. Cup debut, has a yen to put a tiger into English football.

The man in question is non other than Trevor 'Tosh' Chamberlain who was a professional player with Fulham from 1948 to 1966 and the hat-trick referred to was in a fourth round tie at Craven Cottage, which Fulham lost 4-5 to Newcastle United in January 1956.

Now 49, 'Tosh' is a little more portly than when he graced the white number eleven shirt of Fulham, but the old unquestionable enthusiasm still cascades forth as he pursues his current job as Area Sales Manager for the Asics Corporation.

They are Japanese, and second only to the Nissan group in annual turnover. As manufacturers of sportswear trading under the brand name of Tiger they now enjoy a big share of the North American that they even sponsored the European Athletics Championships in Greece last year.

So vast is their range of goods that there are only two sports the Asic company do not cater for and that is cricket and the martial arts but to make any impact in the world of football they have turned their attention to the European market.

Already many top name stars such as England men Alan Devonshire and Phil Parkes at West Ham United, Chris Woods and Steve Walford at Norwich City and Mike Hazard, Ricky Villa and John Lacy at Tottenham Hotspur are wearing the



"TOSH" in his playing days

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The former Fulham favourite who claims he is "the only man that silenced the kop" when he scored from the half-way line at Anfield, is now hoping to make as big an impact with his new boots... Who knows, perhaps one day the English lion could have tiger feet!



BENNO AT LARGE

There has been much rhetoric about the Chester Report which maps out the route football should take if it is to survive as an industry. The Football League Management Committee have called a meeting of Club Chairmen to discuss Sir Norman Chester's report and this takes place on May 5.

To avoid any misunderstandings the Management Committee have issued their official views on the major recommendations which are as follows:

The reduction at the end of the 1983-84 season of the First Division to 20 clubs and the increase of the Second Division to 24 would be supported by the Management Committee in the interests of international success.

The suggestion that clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions should comprise two geographical sections playing four series of matches during a season with play-offs to decide promotion etc is opposed by the Management Committee.

Sir Norman Chester's recommendation that the League comprises a First Division of 20 clubs and two other Divisions of 22 clubs with the 28 excluded clubs being joined by selected clubs from the Alliance Premier League to form an "Intermediate" League is felt by the Management Committee to be the germ of an idea for the basis of a strong solid League of the future, but of course the Committee would need to consider the detailed format with great care.

The suggestion that First and Second Division clubs which enter the Milk Cup in the Second Round should be seeded in the draw is opposed by the Management Committee who are in favour of the Second Round consisting of one match instead of the present two legs.

The suggestion that in League matches home clubs should keep the entire gate monies instead of continuing to make a payment to visiting clubs is supported by the Management Committee.

The Management Committee also agrees that there should be a fairer distribution of fees received in respect of televised matches for those clubs whose games are covered.

The suggestion that gate receipts from Milk Cup ties should be divided equally between the two clubs has the support of the Management Committee, following a period of phasing.

The Management Committee are also in favour of forming a working party of people experienced in football finance to draw up a standard form of club accounts which would have to be submitted to the League each year and to propose criteria or financial targets which could be incorporated into the League's

regulations and to which clubs would have to conform. This would help financial management within the League and will maintain confidence in the organisation.

The Management Committee supports in principle the suggestion that the time allowed for the payment of transfer fees be reduced from 12 months to three months with League acting as a clearing house for the payment of fees, but points out that there is still experience to be gained from the present regulation which has been in force only since last year's annual general meeting.

Finally, the Management Committee supports the recommendation that the constitution be amended to reduce the three-quarters majority necessary to approve changes in the Regulations, though the Management Committee feel that a majority of two-thirds might be more acceptable to clubs rather than the three-fifths suggested by the Chester Committee.

AN IDEAL SOCCER MERGER

The greater involvement of League clubs with their local communities, an ideal which The Football League has always actively encouraged, has been taken a giant step forward by an agreement which Second Division Fulham have concluded with the Greater London Council.

In return for the G.L.C. meeting the cost of installing Fulham's new £140,000 Cellsystem pitch, which is to be laid during the summer, the Craven Cottage Club are making available to the G.L.C. the facilities of their ground for a total of 3,000 hours during the next six years.

"Yes", says Fulham Manager Malcolm Macdonald, who is also a Director of the club, "the concept is revolutionary. But doesn't it make an awful lot of sense? We need the new pitch and the G.L.C. believe that proper sports facilities and social amenities should be available to youngsters and adults. An ordinary pitch would be no good because the demands of the professional players would restrict its use. But Cellsystem, which is natural grass with the added advantage of being "weather-proof", makes it an entirely different ball-game".

Peter Pitt, a member of the G.L.C. and Vice-Chairman of the Arts and Recreation Committee, says: "We recognise the need to increase these kind of facilities in London either by building them new or improving on existing first-rate facilities. Fulham have a most commendable attitude regarding their responsibilities to the local community and we have all gone about it in a most business-like way.

"We have done a commercial costing on the basis that the value of the services provided by the club can be rated at between £40.00 and £50.00 per hour and we believe that Fulham are giving us and the ratepayers more than value for money".

"The G.L.C. believes that sport is just as entitled as opera, ballet and theatre to support from the public purse".

Malcolm Macdonald adds: "During the playing season, the community use of the Cottage will amount to four training and coaching evenings each week plus local clubs' prestige matches. The community use can be stepped up during the summer months to more than 200 hours which will make an annual minimum of over 500 hours".

"We at Fulham see ourselves as innovators. The first step with future supporters is to bring them to the Cottage as youngsters. If they've enjoyed their childhood at the Cottage they will continue coming as teenagers and adults.

"I see this as an excellent example of how a football club and the local population can get together for the mutual benefit".

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PROFILE



Paul Curtis with his Irish Setter, Gina.

**PAUL
CURTIS**

Although Paul Curtis will be playing his 22nd first team game for Charlton against Bolton this afternoon he is still trying to establish himself in the senior side.

The experience that Paul has gained this season will certainly be invaluable to him in the future and he is another player from our successful youth policy.

Paul joined us as an apprentice from school after playing regularly for Kestral Rangers the team his father Eddie is manager of.

He made his debut in the Charlton first team in the League Cup game at Luton earlier in the season and has played fairly regularly ever since.

"I have given my best performances at home", said Paul "because I am basically an attacking player. But I am slowly getting my game right away as well".

Paul probably had his best away game at Barnsley on Saturday when he popped up late in the match to clear a goalbound header off the line.

The home match against Oldham provided Paul with one of his best moments when he scored his first senior goal heading the ball into the net from close range.

Paul is keen on all kinds of sport and often plays golf with another Charlton youngster Kevin Smith. He also likes a game of tennis and squash.

Photography is one of Paul's leisure time hobbies and he is hoping to buy some new equipment when he visits Australia for a month in the summer.

Whilst down under Paul will be staying with former Charlton player Paul Kay.

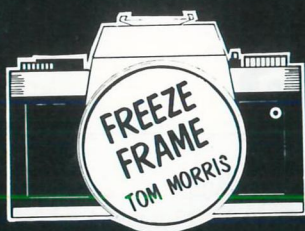
With the rest of the Charlton players Paul will be battling this afternoon against Bolton to keep Charlton in the Second Division.

"I am sure we can do it, especially if the crowd get behind us".

Paul is certainly hoping Charlton stay in the Second Division as he signed a new two year contract at Christmas.



▲ Nicky Johns keeps his eyes on the ball to make a save against Wolves



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A MESSAGE TO ALL SUPPORTERS

*From
Manager
Lennie
Lawrence*

I would like to welcome you all for our final home match of the season against Bolton Wanderers and as you know it is a vital game for officials, players and supporters of both clubs.

This season has been a difficult one for Charlton Athletic Football Club both on and off the field, but the team has started to show the necessary qualities in the last few months: character, determination, and pride in wearing a Charlton shirt, have come through consistently in recent weeks, noticeably in the second half against Wolves.

As the efforts of the team have improved, so has the vocal support and backing of the supporters and I hope this encouragement is in evidence today, as you can play a big part in the outcome of the game.

For the average supporter there has been very little to cheer about in recent years, but I hope the spirit



shown in the team, as well as the performances, have caught people's imagination and that Charlton can become a fashionable well supported club next season.

My Assistant Eddie May, and I have recently signed two year contracts with the club and I hope this will provide some stability and continuity within the club, which has been sadly lacking in recent years.

Everybody in the club will work towards producing a successful team — success cannot be guaranteed, but all I can promise is that all supporters will be PROUD of their team in defeat or in victory.

See you all next season.

DIV 2 TUNE

As the curtain is ready to come down on as difficult a season we've experienced in our 62 year League history, there is one important final act to perform and that is for Charlton to turn on a "five star" performance and beat Bolton today.

When you look at the Clubs today who are in the promotion frame and remember that we were desperately unlucky not to beat Wolves a fortnight ago, that we triumphed over Fulham and Newcastle, and that we performed the "double" over Leicester City, these results serve to illustrate that no task should be insurmountable for our lads.

Oddly enough, despite our lowly position, it must be many a year that anyone can remember an equal to the passionate support that we've experienced of late. It says a lot for our loyal supporters — there's no better in the country! — that they've stuck by the Club through thick and thin and the reason for this is, we have all clearly seen the honesty and dedication our team put into their work on the pitch. Good luck Charlton today with congratulations to Lennie Lawrence, Eddie May, and their team of battlers, for a fight well fought.

Roll Call

The up-to-date list of League and Cup appearances, shown below, by Charlton players include substitute outings.

	1982/83		CHARLTON CAREER	
	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Harris	44	5	44	5
Johns	44	0	179	0
Berry	41	1	310	11
Bullivant	34	3	34	3
Robinson	33	5	219	57
Hales	32	15	319	147
White	30	12	30	12
McAllister	29	2	60	6
Elliott	28	0	70	2
Gritt	26	0	227	16
Aizlewood	22	1	22	1
Curtis	21	1	21	1
Smith	19	2	73	8
Simonsen	18	9	18	9
Mehmet	14	1	30	2
Walker	13	3	102	17
Dickenson	12	0	21	0
Ferns	11	1	43	1
McDonald	8	0	8	0
Lansdowne	6	0	38	5
O'Sullivan	6	0	6	0
Gray	3	0	3	0
Phillips	3	0	50	1
Little	2	1	2	1
Scott	2	0	2	0

Colin Cameron

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FLASHBACK

by Colin Cameron

30 YEARS AGO

Although Charlton's season ended on Apr. 30 1953 on a winning 3-2 note against Tottenham at The Valley, the Club still had a number of engagements to fulfil before the professional staff could take a well earned rest.

On May 1, we beat a **Godfrey Evans XI 6-2**, **Leary (2)**, **Firmani (2)**, **O'Linn** and **John Evans** netting our goals, and three days later lost 3-2 against Millwall at The Den in the Kent County Challenge Cup Final with **Firmani** again scoring two goals.

Firmani also appeared on the score sheet when we beat Gillingham 2-1 on May 9 and we ended up our season with a trip to Rome on June 4.

The inclusion of **Gordon Hurst** and **Sam Bartram** in a London F.A. XI v. Genoa meant that Charlton were without these two fine players for the match against Roma which we lost 4-2 in front of a 55,000 crowd after leading 2-1, 15 minutes from the final whistle. For the record, Charlton finished 5th in the First in season 1952/53

20 YEARS AGO

The bitter winter of 1962/63 meant that the season was extended in Charlton's case to May 24 and our final three matches of that campaign had a marked similarity with the last few weeks with us desperately requiring points to preserve our Second Division status.

After being trounced at Luton (4-1) — **John Hewie** netting our goal — we faced Southampton at The Valley on May 18 knowing that nothing short of victory was good enough.

We started well with big **Jim Ryan** netting a 9th minute goal but received a setback four minutes after the break when the wily **Terry Paine** scored for the Saints.

This nail biter of a match finally ended happily for Charlton when **Cliff Durandt's** freak shot found the net after 89 minutes.

After an abandoned match at Walsall our task was to stay up, and this we did, 2-1, with **Keith Peacock** and **Mike Kenning** scoring to save us and send Walsall down.

Team (v. Walsall) — Wakeham; Sewell, Hewie; Lucas, Tocknell, Edwards; Kenning, Peacock, Ryan, Kinsey, Durandt.

10 YEARS AGO

Season 1972/73 had been a most disappointing campaign for Charlton who only finished just above half-way in the Third Division. At times we flattered to deceive but promotion is all about consistency and this we certainly didn't have.

On the credit side, **Arthur Horsfield** shared the distinction, with Exeter's **Fred Binnie**, of finishing the country's top scorer with 29 goals and **Mike Flanagan** was 14th in the Third Division scoring list with 15 goals.

After our final League match to fulfil when they met was 14th in the Third Division match at Swansea, Charlton had another important function to fulfil when they met Q.P.R. in **Charlie Hall's Testimonial Match** at The Valley on Apr. 30 1973.

In front of a crowd of only 2,420, Charlton lost 2-1 — **Paul Davies** netting our goal and **John O'Rourke** and **Ron Abbott** replying for Rangers.

By coincidence, with **Colin Powell's** testimonial coming up on May 23 versus attractive Spurs, ten years ago (on May 3) we sent a team along to face Barnet as part of the deal which brought "Paddy" to The Valley.



DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	GATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982															
Aug. 28	Leicester City	2-1	11,038	Johns	McAllister	Ferns	Mehmet	Elliott	Phillips	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker ²	Gritt
Sept. 4	Sheffield Wednesday	0-3	8,635	Johns	McAllister	Ferns	Mehmet	Elliott	Phillips	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker	Lansdowne
Sept. 11	Wolverhampton Wanderers	0-5	13,553	Johns	McAllister	Ferns	Mehmet	Elliott	Phillips	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker	Lansdowne
Sept. 17	Cambridge United	2-3	3,582	Johns	Gritt	McAllister	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker	Lansdowne
Sept. 18	Grimsby Town	0-3	4,381	Johns	Gritt	McAllister	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker	Ferns
Sept. 25	Grimsby Athletic	2-2	3,211	Johns	Gritt	McAllister	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker	Smith
Sept. 26	Fulham	1-0	6,790	Johns	Gritt	Lansdowne	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Ferns	Smith
Oct. 2	Derby County	0-3	4,686	Johns	Curtis	Lansdowne	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Ferns	Smith
Oct. 5	Luton Town MC2 (1st Leg)	0-3	7,030	Johns	Curtis	Lansdowne	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker	Gritt
Oct. 9	Carlisle United	2-1	4,606	Johns	Berry	Ferns	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker	Smith
Oct. 16	Burnley	1-3	15,492	Johns	Curtis	Walcott	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker	Gritt
Oct. 23	Chelsea	2-0	5,973	Johns	Curtis	Ferns	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	Walker	Smith
Oct. 26	Luton Town MC2 (2nd Leg)	2-0	5,726	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Oct. 30	Blackburn Rovers	2-3	15,148	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Ferns
Nov. 13	Middlesbrough	2-3	10,807	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Dickenson
Nov. 27	Rotherham United	1-5	4,477	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Ferns
Nov. 27	Shrewsbury Town	0-0	10,381	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Dec. 4	Newcastle United	2-0	5,645	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Dec. 11	Bolton Wanderers	1-4	4,942	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Dec. 18	Barnsley	3-2	17,964	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Dec. 19	Crystal Palace	1-3	13,306	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Dec. 27	Queens Park Rangers	0-1	8,798	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Jan. 3	Rotherham United	4-5	11,789	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Jan. 10	Sheffield Wednesday	2-3	16,699	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Jan. 16	Pewsey Town FAC3	2-1	5,971	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Jan. 19	Leicester City	1-1	5,990	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Jan. 22	Grimsby Town	2-0	4,592	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Feb. 5	Cambridge United	0-0	4,940	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Feb. 19	Carlisle United	1-7	7,022	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Feb. 26	Barnley	5-2	11,211	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Mar. 5	Chelsea	0-2	5,493	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Mar. 13	Blackburn Rovers	0-1	8,229	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Mar. 19	Leeds United	1-5	10,259	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Mar. 22	Oleander Park Rangers	0-3	7,057	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Mar. 26	Middlesbrough	2-1	7,836	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Apr. 9	Crystal Palace	1-2	9,035	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Apr. 9	Derby County	1-1	15,605	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Apr. 17	Oldham Athletic	4-1	5,193	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Apr. 23	Newcastle United	2-4	20,526	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
Apr. 29	Shrewsbury Town	0-1	4,838	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
May 2	Wolverhampton Wanderers	3-0	7,935	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
May 7	Barnsley	0-3	6,457	Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
May 14	Bolton Wanderers	3-0		Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson
May 21	(FA Cup Final)			Johns	Curtis	Aizlewood	Mehmet	Elliott	Berry	Harris	Bullivant	White	Hales	O'Sullivan	Robinson

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(Up to and including Tuesday 10th May 1983)

	P	W	D	L	F	Goals	As
Queens Park Rangers	41	26	6	9	76	35	84
Wolverhampton W.	41	20	14	7	66	42	74
Leicester City	41	20	9	12	72	44	69
Fulham	41	20	9	12	64	46	69
Newcastle United	41	18	12	11	73	51	66
Sheffield Wed.	41	15	15	11	58	46	60
Leeds United	41	13	20	8	49	44	59
Shrewsbury Town	41	15	14	12	48	47	59
Oldham Athletic	41	13	19	9	60	46	58
Barnsley	41	14	14	13	56	54	56
Blackburn Rovers	41	14	12	15	57	58	54
Cambridge United	41	13	12	16	41	58	51
Carlisle United	41	12	11	18	67	69	47
Middlesbrough	41	11	14	16	46	67	47
Chelsea	41	11	13	17	51	61	46
Derby County	41	9	19	13	48	58	46
Grimby Town	41	12	10	19	44	69	46
Crystal Palace	40	11	12	17	41	50	45
Crystal Athletic	41	12	9	20	59	85	45
Bolton Wanderers	41	11	11	19	41	57	44
Rotherham United	41	10	14	17	43	66	44
Burnley	40	12	7	21	56	65	43

(Up to and including Wednesday 11th May 1983)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queens Park Rangers	40	28	7	5	106	45	63
Tottenham Hotspur	41	25	9	7	91	46	58
West Ham United	38	24	10	4	91	46	58
Watford	41	22	9	10	76	54	53
Ipswich Town	41	20	11	10	76	50	51
Arsenal	41	16	13	12	63	46	45
Chelsea	38	18	5	15	69	56	41
Norwich City	38	13	15	10	52	47	41
Fulham	41	16	9	16	52	50	41
Swansea City	41	14	8	19	51	59	36
Oxford United	39	15	6	18	59	74	36
Millwall	39	9	15	15	60	67	33
Charlton Athletic	38	11	11	16	56	64	33
Leicester City	37	11	11	15	61	71	33
Luton Town	38	12	8	18	54	62	33
Brighton & H. A.	39	9	14	16	51	62	32
Southampton	41	10	12	19	62	75	32
Birmingham City	38	13	6	19	49	69	32
Bristol Rovers	38	10	11	17	52	79	31
Swindon Town	40	11	9	20	46	82	31
Crystal Palace	39	10	10	17	50	51	25
Reading	40	9	7	24	51	93	25

Sept. 1 Leicester City 2-2

Sept.	1	Leicester City	4	Watford	24
	4	Millwall	19	Watford	24
	9	Tottenham H.	14	Watford	22
	14	Tottenham H.	22	Watford	22
Oct.	22	Norwich City	1-1	Watford	1-1
	25	Swindon	0-4	Watford	0-4
	28	Bristol Rovers	1-1	Watford	1-1
	29	Southampton	3-2	Watford	2-2
Nov.	4	Sheff. Wed.	2-2	Watford	2-2
	9	Chelsea	1-1	Watford	0-0
	16	Chelsea City	0-0	Watford	0-0
	16	Brighton & H.A.	0-0	Watford	0-0
	20	West Ham Utd.	1-3	Watford	1-3
Dec.	30	Ipswich Town	0-5	Watford	0-5
	14	Oxford Utd.	1-3	Watford	1-3
	14	Birmingham City	2-3	Watford	2-3
Jan.	10	Watford	1-0	Watford	1-0
	11	Leicester City	4-0	Watford	0-0
	18	Norwich City	0-0	Watford	0-0
Feb.	7	Tottenham	3-4	Watford	3-4
	25	Southampton	1-1	Watford	1-1
	22	Ipswich Town	1-2	Watford	1-2
	25	Bristol Rovers	3-4	Watford	3-4
Mar.	1	Q.P.R.	1-2	Watford	1-2
	3	Arsenal	1-2	Watford	1-2
	8	Chelsea	0-0	Watford	0-0
	15	Fulham	1-0	Watford	1-0
	19	Swansea City	0-2	Watford	0-2
	24	Crystal Palace	3-0	Watford	3-0
	29	Brighton & H.A.	3-1	Watford	3-1
Apr.	31	Fulham	1-1	Watford	1-1
	12	Arsenal	1-2	Watford	1-2
	26	Reading	1-2	Watford	1-2
	30	Accord Utd.	1-2	Watford	1-2
May	3	Ipswich	3-0	Watford	3-0
	10	Millwall	0-4	Watford	0-4
	15	Luton Town	1-0	Watford	1-0

SENIOR DIVISION

		SENIOR DIVISION	
Aug.	28	Ipswich	2
Sept.	4	Millwall	21
	11	Norwich	0.4
	18	Orient	5.2
	21	Cambridge	4.1
	25	Southern Junior Floodlit Cup	
		Senior League Cup Round 1	3.3
Oct.	2	Tottenham	5.0
	9	Tottenham Floodlit Cup Round 1 Replay	
	9	O.P.R.	2.0
	16	Southend	1.3
	23	Tottenham	3.2
	30	Watford	0.2
Nov.	27	Fulham	3.3
	6	Southern Junior Floodlit Cup	
		Senior League Cup Round 2	1.1
	11	Fulham	0.1
	18	Southern Junior Floodlit Cup Round 1 Replay	
	20	Ipswich	2.3
		Senior League Cup Round 2	
	23	Southall	4.1
Dec.	4	Arsenal	1.2
	11	West Ham	2.5
	18	Arsenal	2.1
Jan.	8	Millwall	1.2
	15	Cardiff	1.2
	22	Oxford United	1.2
	29	FA Youth Cup Round 3 Replay	
Feb.	26	Watford	2.0
Mar.	5	Norwich City	3.1
	12	Orient	1.5
	19	Chelsea	1.1
Apr.	7	Gillingham	0.2
	14	Chelsea	2.0
	21	Fulham	2.5
	28	West Ham	1.1
	30	Ipswich	3.0
May	7	Gillingham	1.2
	9	Tottenham	1.4
	24	Portsmouth	
		Southend	

Thursday 19th May
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SENIOR LEAGUE**

(Up to and including
Wednesday 11th May 1983)

	P	W	D	L	F	Goals
Norwich City	27	19	8	0	74	15
West Ham U.	27	18	4	6	79	16
Q.P.R.	27	14	6	7	86	36
Watford	27	15	4	8	86	34
Ipswich Town	28	10	12	6	51	32
Tottenham H.	27	12	5	10	50	48
Chelsea	28	10	9	9	53	29
Charlton A.	26	10	5	11	46	52
Millwall	26	8	7	11	39	45
Gillingham	27	7	10	11	43	22
Arsenal	27	7	13	36	58	21
Orient	26	5	9	12	47	68
Southend U.	24	5	12	33	58	19
Preston	25	5	6	14	25	60
Porthsmouth	25	5	6	14	25	60
Fulham	25	1	7	17	19	68

Crystal Palace have withdrawn from the League

Teams

CHARLTON

- 1 NICKY JOHNS
- 2 PAUL CURTIS
- 3 KEVIN DICKENSON
- 4 DON McALLISTER
- 5 ALAN McDONALD
- 6 LES BERRY
- 7 KEVIN SMITH
- 8 CARL HARRIS
- 9 DEREK HALES
- 10 STEVE WHITE
- 11 MARTIN ROBINSON
- 12

BOLTON WANDERERS

- 1 JIM McDONAGH
- 2 STEVE WHITWORTH
- 3 RAY DEAKIN
- 4 STUART GRAY
- 5 GERRY McELHINNEY
- 6 MIKE DOYLE
- 7 WARREN JOYCE
- 8 SIMON RUDGE
- 9 IAN MOORES
- 10 DAVE HOGGAN
- 11 BRIAN BORROWS
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A	BLACKBURN ROVERS SHREWSBURY TOWN	G	LEEDS UNITED ROTHERHAM UNITED	N	MANCHESTER CITY LUTON TOWN
B	CAMBRIDGE UNITED OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	LEICESTER CITY BURNLEY	P	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STOKE CITY
C	CARLISLE UNITED BARNLEY	J	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY CRYSTAL PALACE	Q	WATFORD LIVERPOOL
D	CHELSEA MIDDLESBROUGH	K	WOLVERHAMPTON W. NEWCASTLE UNITED	R	CHESTERFIELD MILLWALL
E	DERBY COUNTY FULHAM	L	ASTON VILLA ARSENAL	S	LINCOLN CITY GILLINGHAM
F	GRIMSBY TOWN QUEENS PARK RANGERS	M	COVENTRY CITY WEST HAM UNITED	T	ORIENT SHEFFIELD UNITED